

## THE MAIL BOX

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### Fluoridation

Editor, Torrance Herald:

As a resident of Torrance for more than 35 years owning my own home, I never fail to vote for constructive issues for our town and nation; and earnestly spending many hours of my life toward the development of Torrance, I feel compelled to inform the people residing in this area of some other facts regarding fluoridation of our drinking water.

Please note, children as well as adults can get all the fluoridation they need or desire to use in the present formula of toothpaste, allowing each individual his freedom to use or not to use this chemical (another poison). Let well enough alone!

Furthermore, in this individual purchase of tooth protection, it does not subjugate the rights of others to the beliefs of mass propaganda, advertising, etc.

More important: Many years ago, thinking people objected to enforced medical care of any type, and the State of California set forth a law to protect its citizens' individual freedom regarding same. Thus by putting fluoride into the city water system, a public utility, the city fathers would be enforcing a poisonous medical chemical upon its citizens, the public voters and taxpayers, who do not want to consume the same, but would have to be forced to unless wealthy enough to import gallons of pure water into their homes. And again this would be an imposition on the rights of those of us who wish to continue living in this area.

Finally, such an issue should never be placed on the ballot because of the present state laws protecting the minority.

R. C. B.  
Torrance.

### City Recreation

Editor, Torrance Herald:

Again it is time for the staff of the Recreation Department to look back over another successful year of operation. And in so doing, we find again that much of our success has been due to the fine cooperation you and the newspaper with which you are associated have given us.

Of all municipal departments, the Recreation Department needs all the favorable publicity it can get. We can plan and execute fine programs, but unless the newspaper lets the people know about these programs, all the time, effort, and money spent are wasted. We utilize every possible way of publicizing the activities we carry on, but in the final analysis our success or failure depends mostly on the cooperative attitude existing between the newspapers and the department.

This cooperative attitude exists in Torrance and our success has been attributable to the fine publicity you have given our programs.

We look forward to another year of fine relationship with you and your newspaper.

HARRY VAN BELLEHEM,  
Director of Recreation.  
Torrance.

### Promoters Favored

Editor, Torrance Herald:

Incorporation promoters in Lomita have published the names of people who, they claim, want property owners to sign a petition for incorporation.

Of these people, 21 per cent do not live in Lomita at all and could not vote here.

Another 34 per cent are not listed in the phone book and there is doubt as to their places of residence.

Of the 45 per cent who are known residents of Lomita, some have denied that they

authorized use of their names. This is a sample of methods being used by promoters to herd Lomita property owners into incorporation.

The law gives property owners the right to decide, for their own protection, whether to have an election or not. This is proper, because a majority of Lomita residents of voting age do not own any real property and pay no real property taxes, but can vote in any election like all other registered voters. They can out-vote property owners who would have to pay the expense of city government through increased taxation.

Property owners should be permitted to make their decisions without interference from outsiders and persons who are not Lomita property owners. The Lomita Civic League condemns these tactics on the part of incorporation promoters.

HERBERT E. BRISBIN,  
President,  
Lomita Civic League.

### Rescue Squads

Editor, Torrance Herald:

My husband and I have been interested in making Torrance our home upon my husband's retirement from his present position. We are aging people who are interested in being sure that a rescue squad and inhalator are available in case of heart attack, as we have had some trouble of this kind.

We were amazed to learn upon inquiry that there is but one rescue squad, located in your main fire station, where it would be impossible to reach a victim in the northern or southern sections of your city within eight or 10 minutes. Heart victims need help within four minutes.

This seems to me to be a very inadequate life saving equipment for a city which is bragging of its All-America City honors. The taxpayer certainly is not getting the protection for his accident and heart victims that many other communities are blessed with.

I do hope this situation is improved by the time I make my residence in Torrance.

MRS. M. C. D.  
Los Angeles

### James Rice Graduates From Radarman School

James R. Rice, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mrs. Violet Rice, 28417 Athena St., Harbor City, recently graduated from the Radarman School at the Treasure Island Naval Station, San Francisco.

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